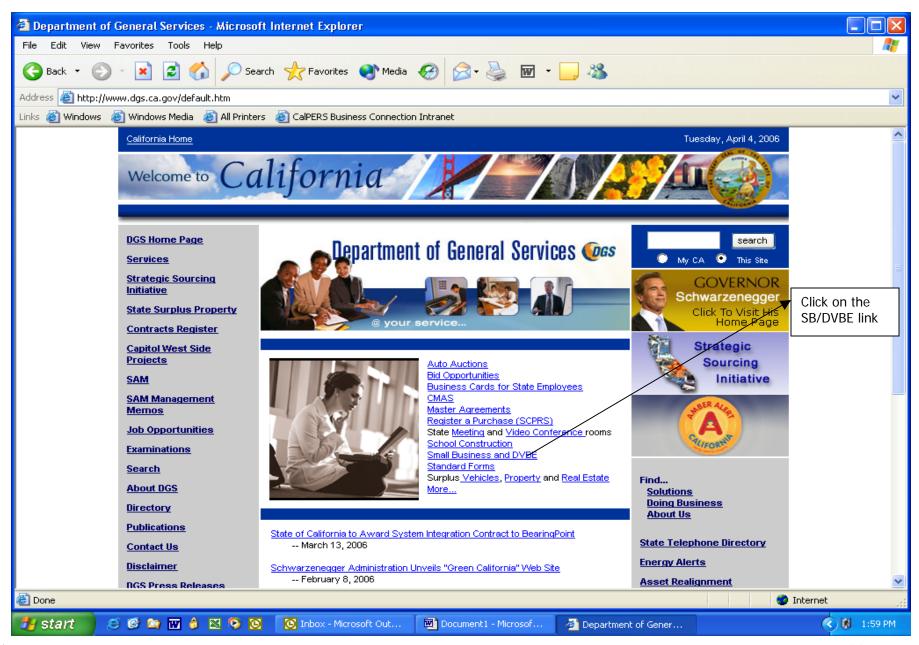
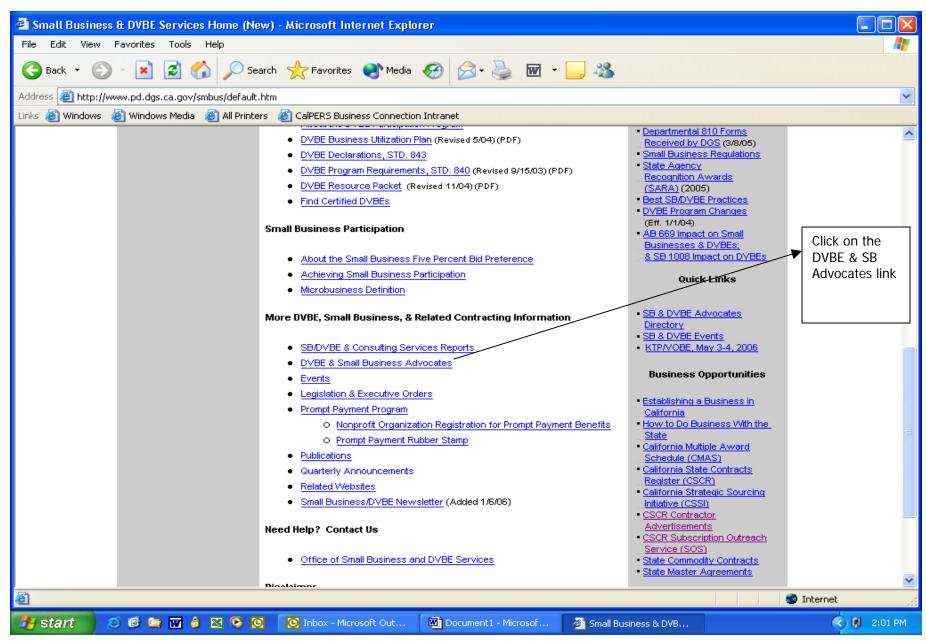
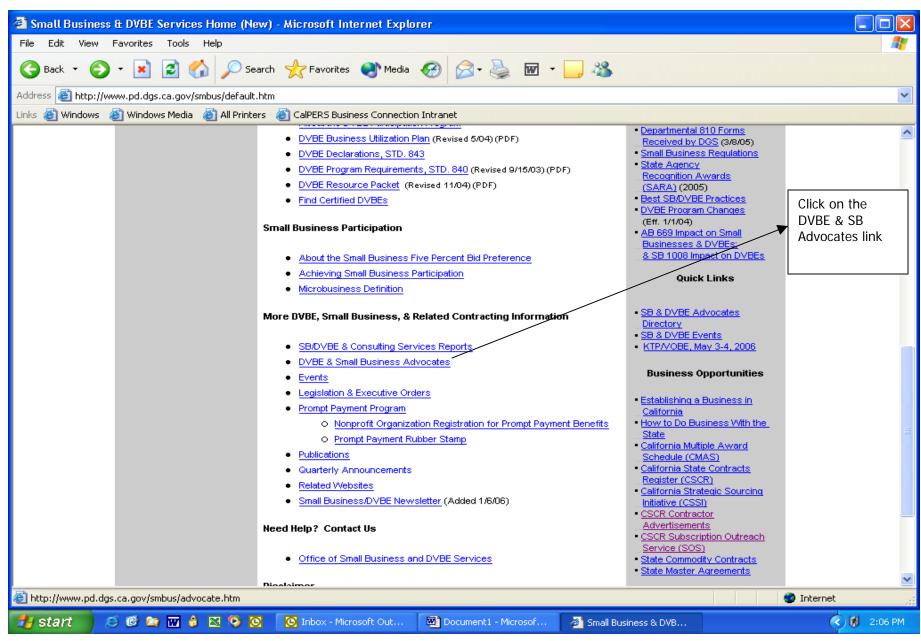
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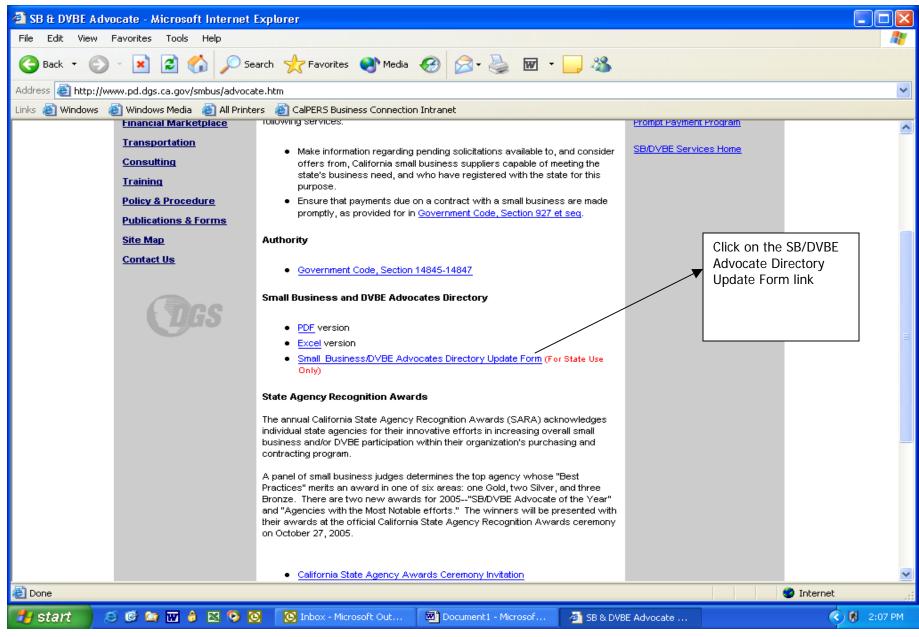
This chapter explains how to navigate through the DGS, Procurement Division, Office of Small Business (SB) and Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise (DVBE) Services website. This chapter provides step-by-step instructions on how to search for and locate Small Businesses, Micro Businesses and DVBEs within the state. Instructions are also provided for how to verify the status of a SB and/or DVBE, how to download a list of vendors and e-blast a message to vendors in the database.

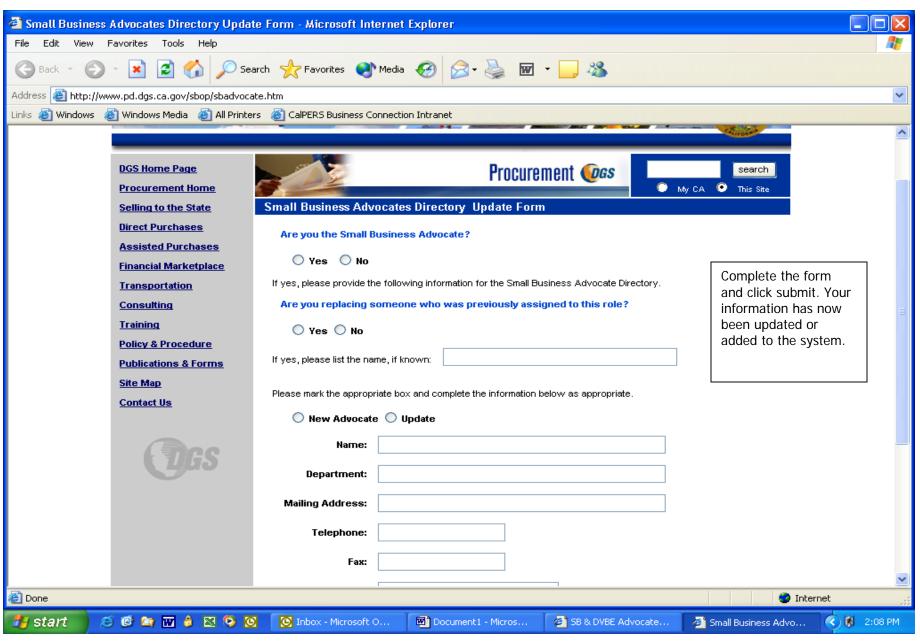
In additional, this website will get the advocate on the path to developing an **INTRANET** website for its procurement personnel if one that does not already exist. Such a website can very be a great tool for a large department with many decentralized procurement centers. When building your Intranet site also refer to the internal training section in Chapter 7.











## DGS Contact Information



#### **DGS Procurement Division Homepage:**

http://www.pd.dgs.ca.gov

#### California Strategic Sourcing Initiative:

Here are contract manager contacts:

http://www.pd.dgs.ca.gov/StratSourcing/ContractContacts.htm

#### For CSSI Reports

 http://www.documents.dgs.ca.gov/pd/strategic/CSSIContractsSB-DVBEContacts.pd

#### **Certification Compliance Issues:**

**Contact:** Gloria Anderson Phone: (916) 375-4936

**Email:** gloria.anderson <mailto:gloria.anderson@dgs.ca.gov>@dgs.ca.gov

<mailto:osdchelp@dgs.ca.gov>

#### **Contracting Activity Report:**

Contracting Activity Reports

- Small Business, Micro-business, and DVBE Contracting Activity Report
- Consulting Services Contract Report
- Ethnicity, Race, Gender, Women, Minority & DVBE Report

**Contact:** Ron Wright

**Email:** ron.wright@dgs.ca.gov <mailto:ron.wright@dgs.ca.gov>

**Phone:** (916) 375-4943

Compliance regarding contracts, including DVBE enforcement:

<a href="http://www.pd.dgs.ca.gov/disputes/default.htm">http://www.pd.dgs.ca.gov/disputes/default.htm</a> then there's a link for "contact us".

#### SB/DVBE Advocate Webpage:

<a href="http://www.pd.dgs.ca.gov/smbus/advocate.htm#sdad">http://www.pd.dgs.ca.gov/smbus/advocate.htm#sdad</a>

#### <u>Information on how to do business with the state:</u>

http://www.pd.dgs.ca.gov/sell/default.htm

#### Benefits & eligibility requirements of SB certification:

http://www.pd.dgs.ca.gov/smbus/sbcert.htm

#### Benefits & eligibility requirements of DVBE certification:

http://www.pd.dgs.ca.gov/smbus/dvbecert.htm

#### **California State Contracts Register:**

https://www.cscr.dgs.ca.gov/cscr/

#### **Links to California SB and DVBE services:**

http://www.pd.dgs.ca.gov/smbus/default.htm

### <u>Links to other state, federal, county and non-governmental websites (SB Development Centers & DVBE Organizations):</u>

http://www.pd.dgs.ca.gov/smbus/relatedsites.htm#federal

# Sample E-Mail Responses To Suppliers & Contractors

**NOTE TO ADVOCATES:** These are **SAMPLE** e-mail responses to suppliers and/or contractors. Since each Department/Agency is structured differently (centralized vs. decentralized), modification to this language will be necessary in order to meet your organizational needs.

#### FOR NON-IT GOODS & SERVICES

Thank you for your interest in doing business with **Your Department's Name!** 

\*\*\*Our purchasing of goods and contracting for services is decentralized, so you are welcome to send your business information to our various offices statewide.

For a listing of our district offices, check out our department's Small Business & DVBE website at: <a href="www.yourdepartment.ca.gov">www.yourdepartment.ca.gov</a>. Under "Business Opportunities" click on "Small Business & DVBE.", you will find our district office addresses, as well as other small business & DVBE information.

\*\*\*I attached a listing of our District Administrative Chiefs. If your company sells goods or contracts for services they can direct you to their purchasing staff or contracting official at their district office.

If your company is interested in state contracting opportunities, the **California State Contracts Register (CSCR)** is a great resource that lists ads for all **strategically sourced contracting opportunities**, plus other services and construction contracts over \$5,000, commodity contracts valued at more than \$25,000, and IT goods contracts valued at more than \$100,000. Go to <a href="www.cscr.dgs.ca.gov/cscr">www.cscr.dgs.ca.gov/cscr</a>

If you are interested in automatically receiving contracting opportunity advertisements from the CSCR to your desktop or fax, register on-line with the **Department of General Services (DGS) Subscription Outreach Service (SOS)**. Spend your time responding to bidding opportunities instead of searching for them! For more information go to: <a href="https://www.cscr.dgs.ca.gov/cscr/sosdesc.asp">www.cscr.dgs.ca.gov/cscr/sosdesc.asp</a>

\*\*\*Find out about the new California Strategic Sourcing Initiative (CSSI) contracting opportunities. Basically Strategic Sourcing is a way to achieve savings by consolidating, renegotiating and automating state contracts. There are new opportunities for small businesses and DVBEs to attend partnering workshops that coincide with Strategic Sourcing bidders' conferences. Find a calendar of CSSI events and announcements at: www.pd.dgs.ca.gov/StratSourcing/statusreports

\*\*\*Subscribe to the CSSI Website update service. This information notifies you, via e-mail, whenever the CSSI Website is updated with critical information. To register for this free service, go to: <a href="https://www.pd.dgs.ca.gov/StratSourcing/statusreports">www.pd.dgs.ca.gov/StratSourcing/statusreports</a>

If you need further information or assistance, please let me know at your convenience. Again, thank you for your interest in doing business with *Your Department's Name!* 

#### FOR IT-GOODS & SERVICES

Thank you for doing business with **Your Department's Name!** 

\*\*\*The purchasing of goods and contracting for services for our department is decentralized. If your company is interested in seeking IT contracting opportunities for goods and services, please see the attached listing of our Department's

<u>Information Technology Contracts:</u> You are welcome to contact them directly to find out what our IT needs are and if there are any IT projects that are in the works.

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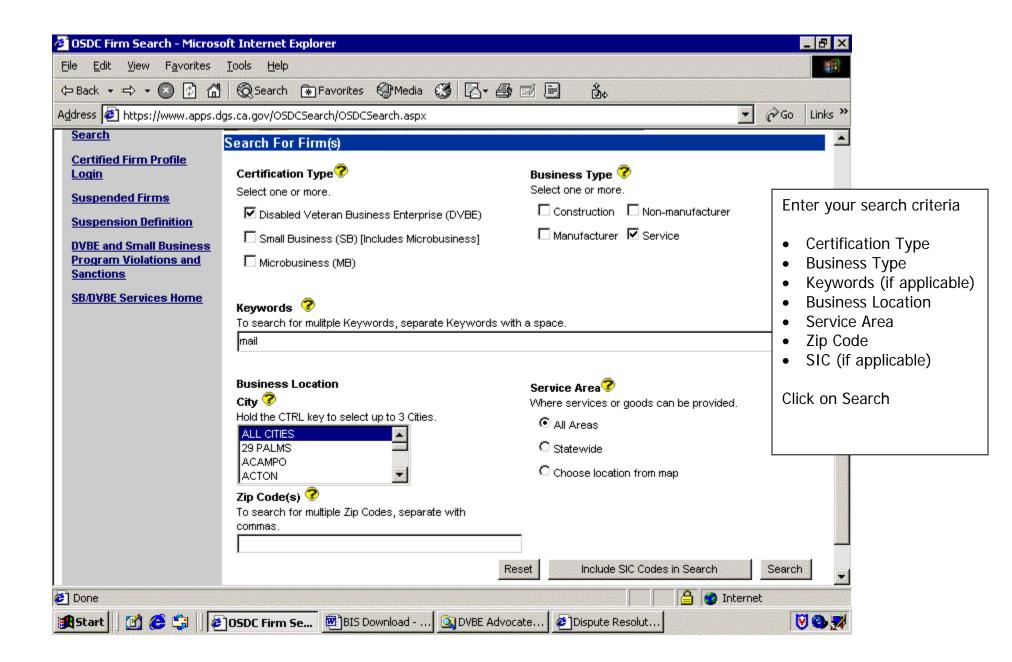
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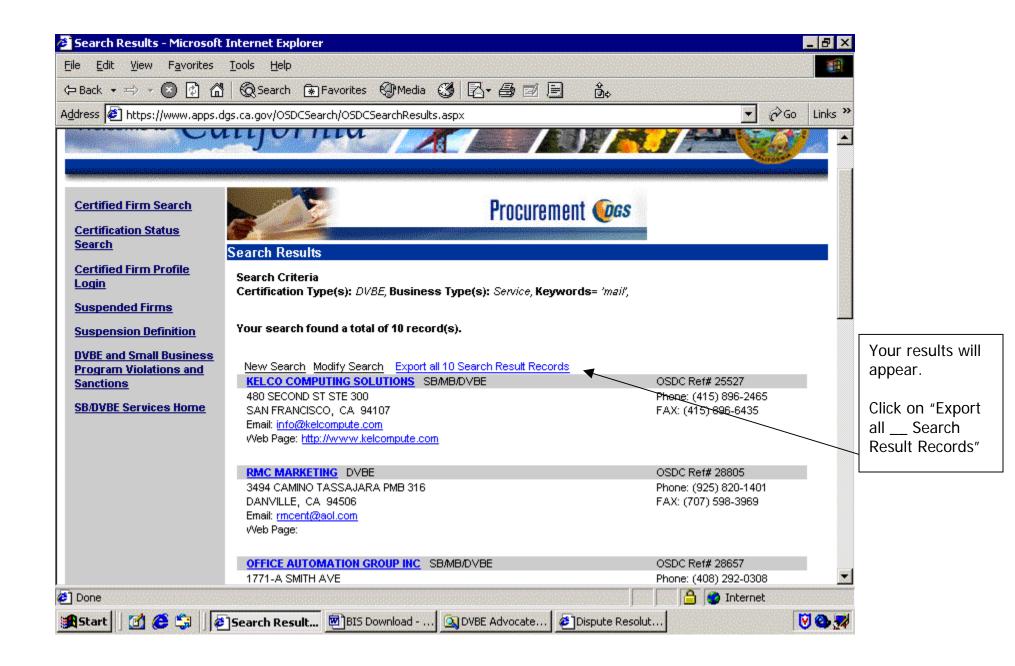
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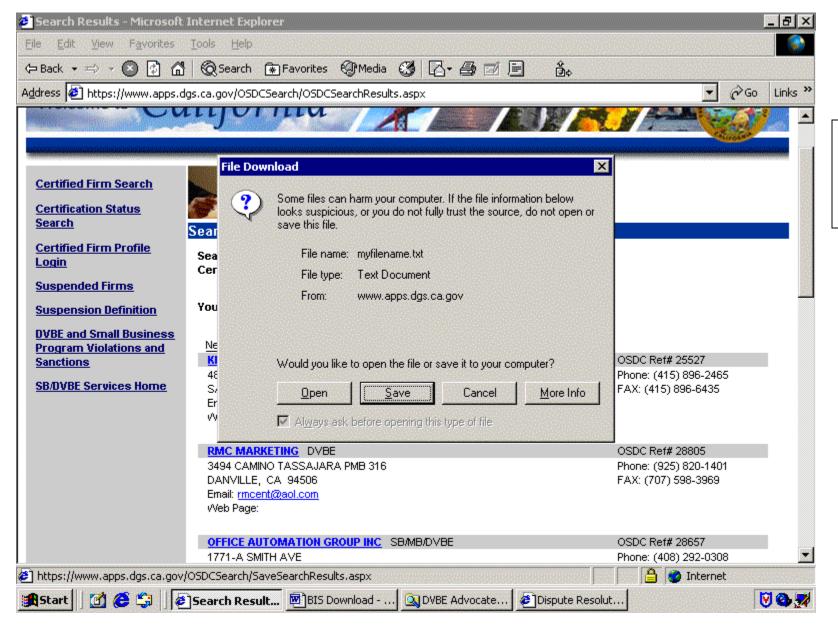
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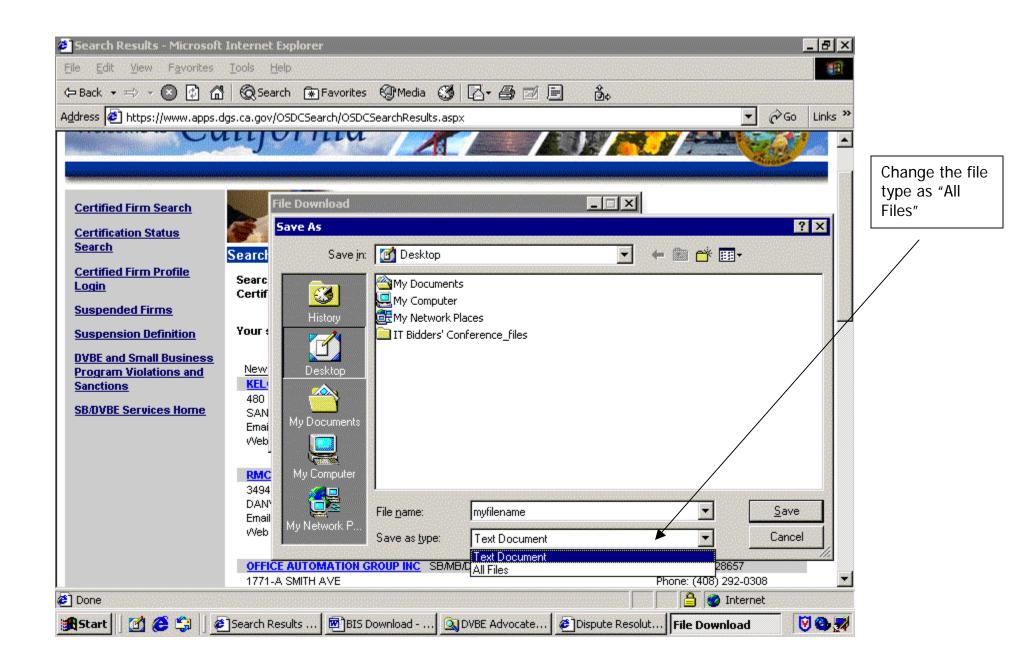


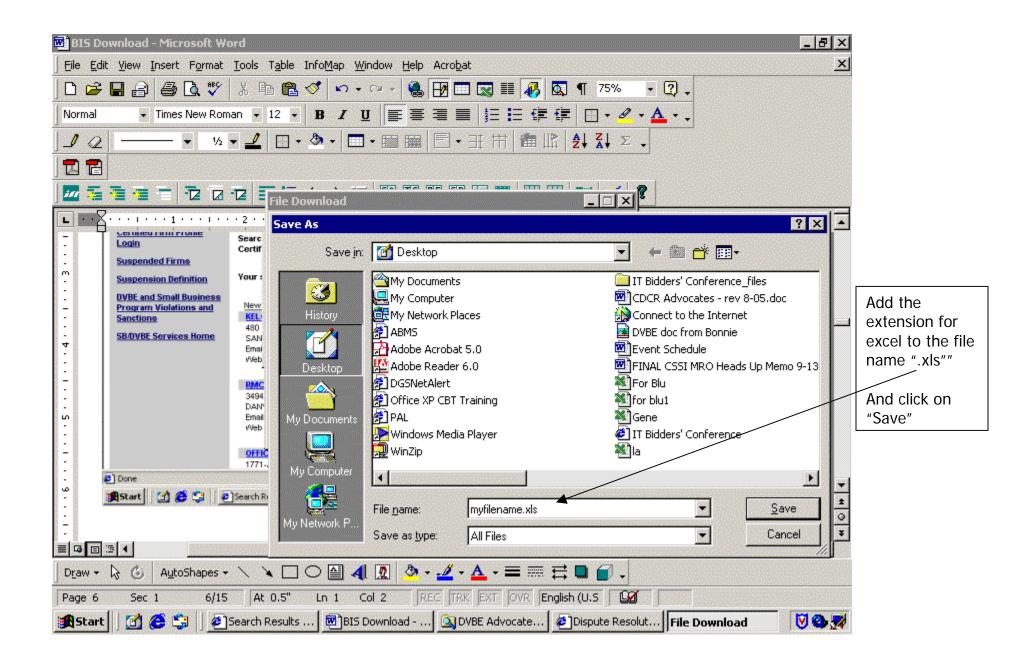


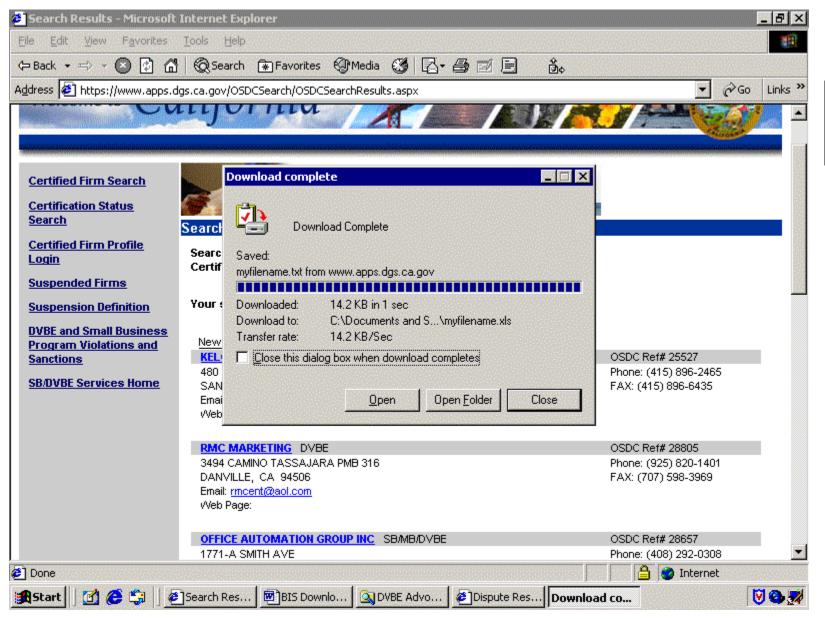


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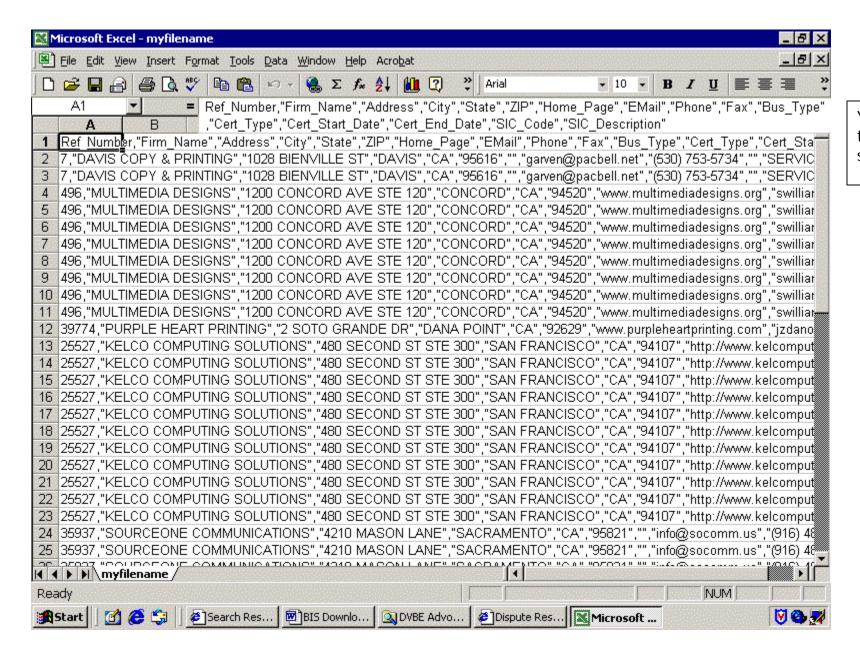




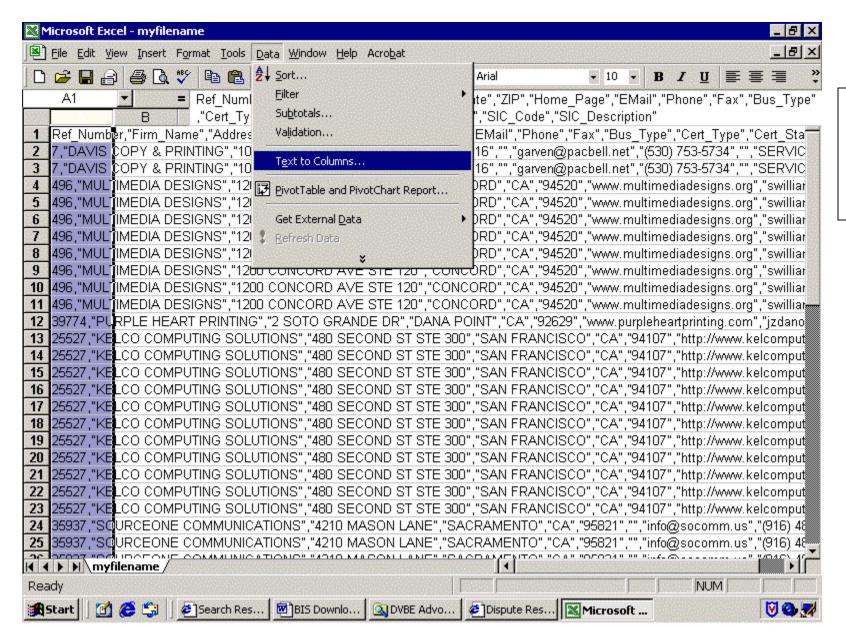


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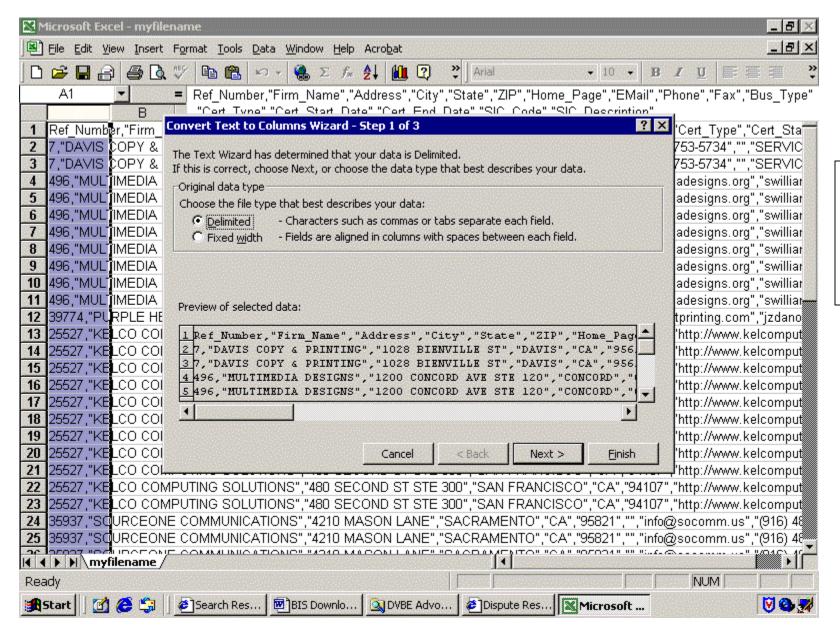
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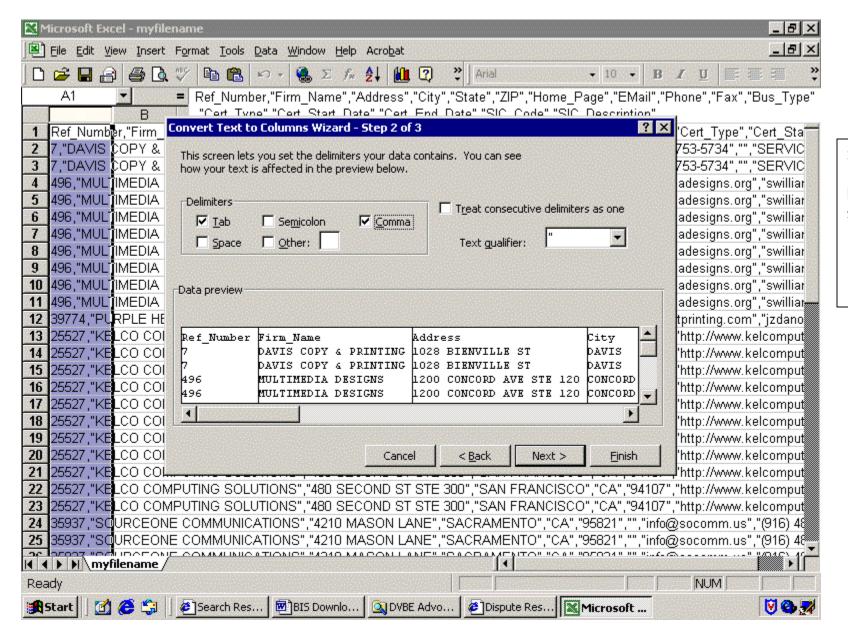
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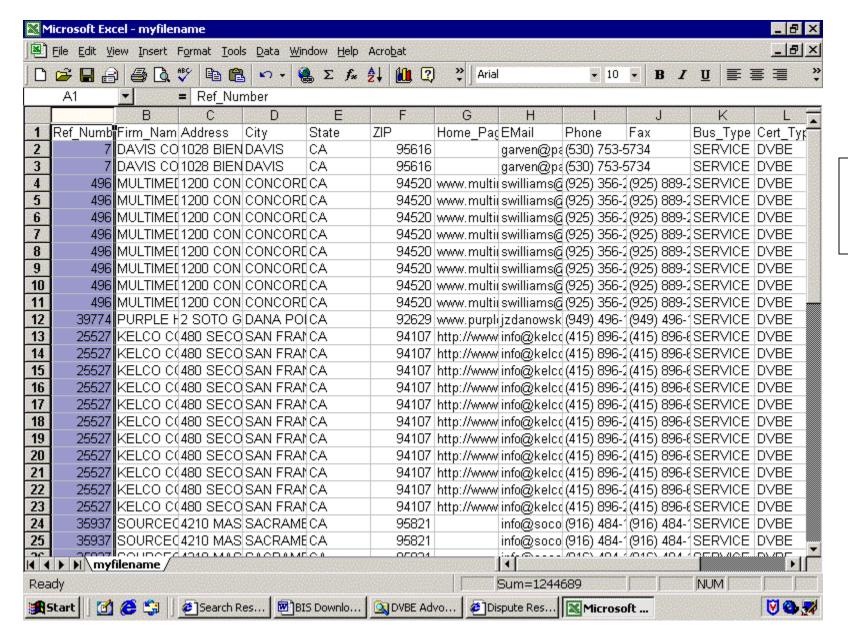
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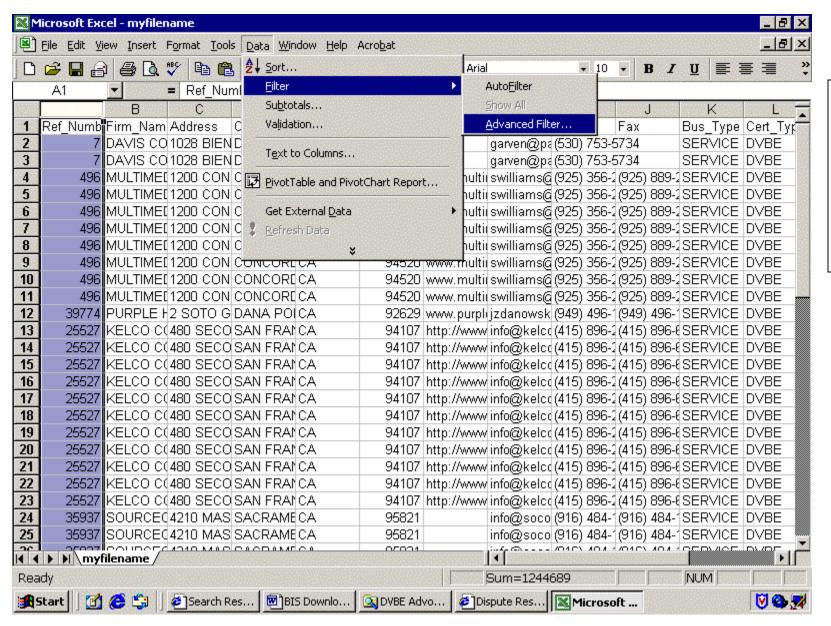
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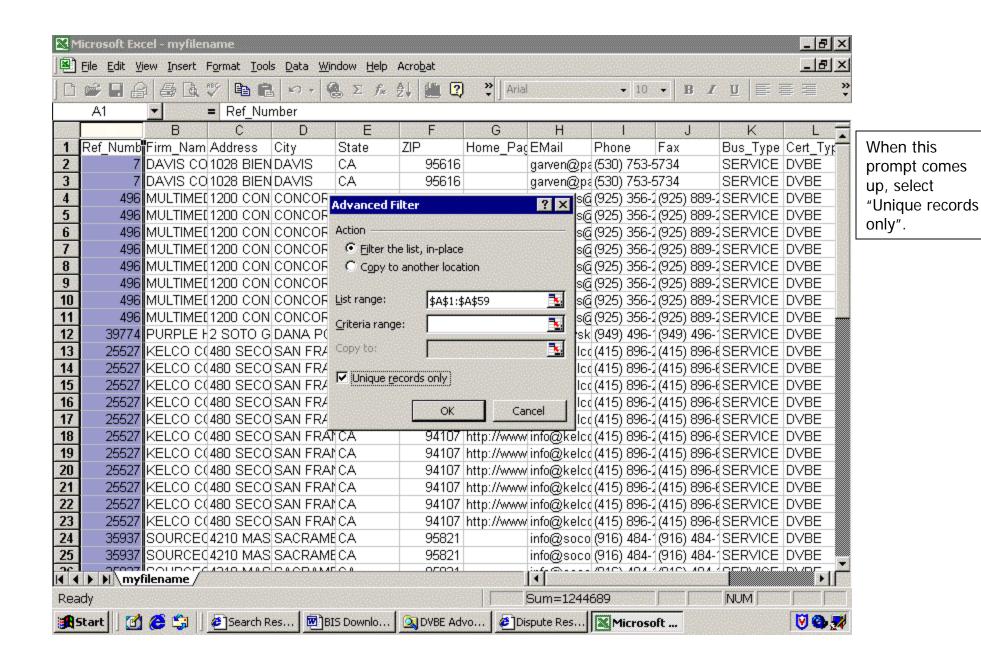
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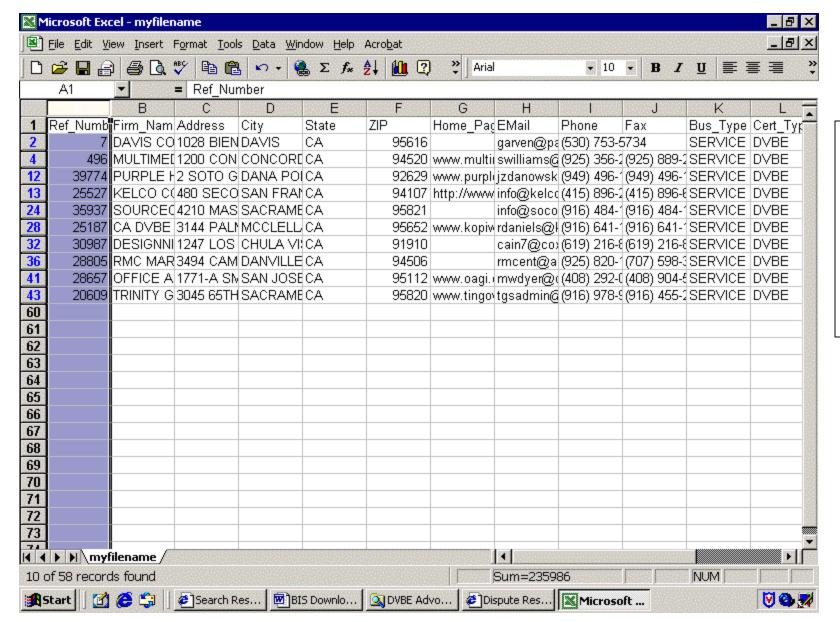


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